

REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
May 5, 2005

PRESENT:	Lou Ann Christensen	Mayor
	Jon Adams	Councilmember
	Holly Bell	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Reese Jensen	Councilmember
	Bob Marabella	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Bruce Leonard	Director of Public Works
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Ben Boyce	Director of Parks and Recreation
	Paul Tittensor	Chief of Police

Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order. The Reverence Period was given by Mr. Tingey. The Mayor led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Christensen called for approval of the minutes, noting that in the minutes of the April 19, 2005 Budget Work Session minutes, page 3, it states "*Mayor Pro Tem Adams said if the museum is moved out of the Community Center, the Senior Center could expand to the basement. Depending on what is done with the library, that could be a reality. She felt that was the next big step.*" She thought she said that instead of Mayor Pro Tem Adams. A motion to approve the minutes of April 15 and 19, 2005 Budget Work Sessions as amended was made by Councilmember Bell, the motion was seconded and carried. Mayor Christensen presented the agenda as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENT  
CONSENT

Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Resident Taking Out Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections  
SCHEDULED DELEGATION

Boys and Girls Club Annual Report  
NEW BUSINESS

Request for Approval of County Literacy Advisor Under 2005 CDBG  
Proclamation Declaring May 9-June 5, 2005 as "Buckle Up America Month"  
Changes to Employee Ambassador Program

OTHER BUSINESS  
Planning Commission and City Council Retreat (*added*)

CLAIMS  
Payment Register

Councilmember Adams made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Phillips - Mr. Phillips said for almost as long as he has lived in Brigham City, there have been issues with dogs unattended in the parks. He cannot walk his dog in the park without other dogs running after them. Mornings and afternoons are the worst. He has mentioned to these people that there is a leash law in Brigham City, and it has not done any good. Enforcement has been sporadic. He has seen the animal control officer at the park occasionally. There is a man that walks in the park all the time with three dogs and no leashes. He walks right passed the animal control officer, and he does not even get out of his truck to confront him. Mr. Phillips suggested signs be placed in the parks stating that there are no dogs allowed without a leash. He also suggested that animal control officers walk the park occasionally. He presented an example of a sign that could be used.

Mayor Christensen said Mr. Phillips e-mailed her a few years ago about this issue, and the City put signs up at that time. She will have the staff follow up on this suggestion.

There were no further comments from the public.

## CONSENT

### Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Resident Taking Out Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections

A list of accounts were presented to be removed from the City's system due to the customer taking out bankruptcy or being sent to Collections.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Marabella, seconded and carried.

## SCHEDULED DELEGATION

### Boys and Girls Club (B&G Club) Annual Report

Ms. Tabbie Mayne said the B&G Club's mission is to "inspire and enable all young people, especially those from challenging circumstances, to realize their full potential as responsible, productive and caring citizens."

Ms. Mayne said 78% of youth in Box Elder County have both or their only care giver in the workforce. Over 97% of the members of the B&G Club in Brigham City qualify for free or reduced lunch. This indicates that the Club is targeting those people who are disadvantaged. More than 62% of Box Elder County residents need extended and affordable after-school child care. Finding child care is an extreme worry for parents.

Two weeks ago, Denzel Washington took out a full page ad telling about the card that saved his life. That card is a B&G Club membership card. This same resource exists in Brigham City.

In 2003, they had approximately 800 members registered at the B&G Club. They served 1,293 other youth in the community through outreach projects. This is a total of 2,500 youth. In 2004 there are 1,187 members registered at the Brigham City site, the Alice C. Harris site in Tremonton, and the ACYI site in Brigham City. The community outreach jumped significantly through grants. Through the Carol White Physical Education Program Grant they served 1,978 youth, for a total of 3,695 youth served throughout Box Elder County.

Ms. Mayne said kids need certain things to succeed. They need positive self-identify; competencies in education, employment, social, emotional, cultural; community and civic involvement; health and well being; a moral compass. There are several things that set the B&G Club apart from other youth programs. They are for both boys and girls. They have full-time professional leadership. They require no proof of good character. They make sure that all girls and boys can afford to belong. The B&G Club is for all races, religions and cultures. They have an open-door policy, have a varied and diversified program, and are guidance-oriented.

The Club's core programs fall into character and leadership, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation, education and career, and health and life skills. They change their program each trimester, so they offer over 30 different programs a year.

The B&G Club is open five days a week during the school year from 1:30-6:00. In the summer, they are open five days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The B&G Club gives back to the community in several ways. For every one dollar Brigham City gave to the B&G Club, \$7.70 was raised in grants in 2004. In 2004, they gave Parks and Recreation over \$3,000 to purchase new baseball and softball equipment. Beginning this year, and continuing two additional years, Parks and Recreation will receive \$10,000 from B&G Clubs and the Carol White Physical Education program to sponsor monthly family fitness activities and \$900 for the Gold Medal Mile. The total for three years will be \$32,700.

An evaluation was conducted of the homework help program at the B&G. Those members who participated in the program for two years, scored on average 5% higher than their class averages on the Utah COR tests.

They have written three grants that directly benefit the City. They wrote the Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities Grant, which brought \$4,744. The Carol White Physical Education Program Grant brought in \$32,700. They also wrote the United States Golf Association Grant, which brought in \$10,400 over three years. The Club

has funded 4-H. Three staff members are Strengthening Families Program facilitators. Three staff hold committee assignments for Communities That Care. They sponsor activities for Peach Days. They have also funded Christmas Assistance, and have done for the last three years. They also sponsored the City's Easter egg hunt for the last two years. They have also co-sponsored the Community Night out Against Crime for 2005.

Ms. Mayne explained that the hours of 3:00-7:00 p.m. are when youth are most likely to commit crimes, participate in substance abuse, and engage in sexual activity. The B&G Club provides an alternative for these kids that would otherwise be engaging in these behaviors.

Membership is only \$10.00 per year. The cost to the Club is \$300, so they have to work pretty hard to get money from other resources.

Ms. Mayne invited the Council to come to the Center and see what they are doing.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Request for Approval of County Literacy Advisor Under 2005 CDBG

Ms. Kathy Berkley came to the table and explained that the Literacy Program received a CDBG Grant to hire a County Literacy Advisor. They are trying to expand in the Tremonton area, and need to hire a literacy advisory to work in that area. The funds will come from the grant, but it has to come into the City account. There will be a separate line item for this project. The advisor will work 10 hours per week. She said there has been concern that the grant money will not continue. She said she is very confident that they will be able to find resources to pay for this person to work 10 hours per week person to keep the program running.

MOTION: Councilmember Farr moved to approve the County Literacy Advisor under the 2005 CDBG, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously carried.

##### Proclamation Declaring May9-June 5, 2005 as "Buckle Up America Month"

Chief Tittensor came forward and explained that every May throughout the United States, the National Highway Safety Administration sponsors a "Buckle Up" campaign. The law enforcement in the State of Utah and Brigham City have supported this. He added that failure to buckle up contributes to more fatalities than any other single traffic safety related behavior. Nearly half of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in traffic accidents last year were not using safety restraints. Mayor Christensen read the proclamation.

MOTION: Councilmember Adams made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the proclamation declaring May "Buckle Up America Month," seconded and carried.

##### Changes to Employee Ambassador Program

Mr. Tingey said he talked to the directors and supervisors as well as the employees about the Ambassador Award program. They felt that awarding the Ambassador Award every quarter was maybe too often, and suggested awarding it semi-annually. It was also suggested that rather than have a separate nomination for the Ambassador Award, use the Mayor's Awards nominations. Another suggestion a number of employees had was to have some kind of picture or plaque showing who received the award.

There is also minor changes to the safety award to not only include those who are free of reportable accidents, but also require that the employees attend monthly safety training.

Councilmember Marabella said when the Council established the Mayor's Awards, the employee would receive eight hours off because not every department works the same number of hours. Mayor Christensen said one of the problems was part-time employees thinking they got eight hours rather than four hours. Mr. Tingey will change the policy to clarify that a day off is eight hours for full time employees and four hours for part-time employees.

Councilmember Jensen suggested the fiscal year be removed so it does not have to be amended every fiscal year.

Mayor Christensen said the policy does not include the On-the-Spot Award. Councilmember Marabella suggested soliciting some input on this award. Mr. Tingey said it is one of the best things the Council has done. On average, there are over 110 cards given out each month. Mayor Christensen said it is immediate, it is positive, it forces everyone to look for the good in employees.

Councilmember Jensen said under Award Level #1, "The City Safety Award," it states, "These awards will be distributed as budget allows." He questioned whether this is necessary. He did not want an employee to work toward receiving a safety award only to be told there are no funds in the budget. Mayor Christensen explained that this means a year in advance to determine how much is going to be distributed out. Councilmember Marabella added that any future Councils can cut this program. It is a year-to-year decision. Councilmember Jensen said if the City does not have the budget to administer the program, it should be cut. The employees should not be expecting an award and then find that it has been cut due to the budget. Councilmember Marabella said it is approved in the budget for next year, so they will know a year in advance.

MOTION: Councilmember Marabella made a motion to approve the changes to the Employee Ambassador Program as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bell and unanimously carried.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

##### Planning Commission and City Council Retreat

Mayor Christensen announced that the Planning Commission and City Council Retreat has been changed from May 24 to 31, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

#### CLAIMS

##### Payment Register

Councilmember Farr moved to approve General Claims for April 19, 2005 in the amount of \$66,997.14; for April 26, \$118,515.37; for May 3, \$137,116.73; and Cash Disbursements dated April 30, in the amount of \$236,538.21. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to adjourn to an Executive Session was made by Councilmember Adams. Mayor Christensen called for a roll call vote. All councilmembers voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The Council returned to an open meeting at 8:15 p.m. and adjourned.